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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 4: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. LEBANON: THE ENORMOUS COST

AMBASSADOR GODLEY REPORTS THAT, WITH THE REESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY IN THE CAPITAL, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO VIEW AND ESTIMATE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE FIGHTING. THE AMBASSADOR, NOTING THAT SOME AREAS REMINDED HIM OF THE STREETS OF MANNHEIM IN 1945, SPECULATES:

--THE OVERALL COST TO THE LEBANESE ECONOMY OF ALL FOUR ROUNDS OF CONFLICT APPROXIMATES \$2.25 BILLION.

--THE DAMAGE DONE TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS DURING ROUND FOUR ALONE MUST BE IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

--DEATHS DURING ROUND FOUR TOTAL MORE THAN 500.

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--THE GOL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST MORE THAN THE

BAREST MINIMUM OF THOSE LEFT DESTITUTE BY THE FIGHTING.

2. EGYPTIAN PRESS CLAIMS PERSHING DEAL SCUTTLED

THE SEPTEMBER 30 EGYPTIAN PRESS BANNERED STORIES THAT THE US HAS STRUCK PERSHING MISSILES FROM ITS LIST OF WEAPONS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH ISRAEL, CITING STATEMENTS BY THE KUWAITI ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND A STORY IN THE CURRENT NEWSWEEK.

EMBASSY CAIRO COMMENTS THAT AL-AHRAM'S STORY POINTED OUT THAT FAHMY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE PERSHING ISSUE "WITH ANXIETY" FOR OVER A WEEK. THE INFERENCE WAS THAT EGYPT, THROUGH ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AND ITS LEADERSHIP AMONG THE ARABS, WAS AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOCKING THE PERSHING DEAL.

3. CYPRUS: DENKTASH MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD

IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD SEPTEMBER 29, TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT RESUME UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH ELECTIONS, THE LIFTING OF THE US EMBARGO, AND THE COMPLETION OF THE UNGA SESSION ON CYPRUS. HE PREDICTED THAT A PERIOD OF RHETORIC WAS IN STORE, AND INDICATED THAT THE US COULD MOST USEFULLY TRY TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE FROM SUCH RHETORIC. DENKTASH ALSO:

--GENERALLY ENDORSED THE SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH, BUT DISPUTED THAT "THE STATUS QUO MUST NOT BECOME PERMANENT;"

--NOTED THAT THE TURKS CONSIDERED THE REFUGEE PROBLEM "SOLVED";

--ACKNOWLEDGED THE UNENTHUSIASTIC REACTION, PARTICULARLY IN TURKEY, TO HIS STATEMENTS ON UDI;

--INDICATED THAT IF THE ARMS EMBARGO WERE LIFTED, THE US REQUEST FOR FULL ACCESS TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE TURKISH SECTOR MIGHT BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

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4. SOVIET PRESS HAILS DEMISE OF SEATO

BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA WELCOMED IN SIGNED EDITORIALS THE SEATO FOREIGN MINISTERS' DECISION TO PHASE OUT THE PACT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS THAT THE EDITORIALS DO NOT HINT THAT SEATO WOULD HAVE ANY RESIDUAL UTILITY IN CHECKING PRC EXPANSIONISM, BUT ON THE CONTRARY PORTRAY PEKING AS COLLUDING WITH SEATO

AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. SOVIETS CRACKING DOWN ON ANTI-DETENTE IDEOLOGIES?

A POLISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS EXPERT ON AMERICA HAS TOLD EMBASSY WARSAW THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT ATTEND A RECENT MEETING OF WARSAW PACT IDEOLOGISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS HELD IN POLAND TO EVALUATE POST-CSCE DEVELOPMENTS. THE POLES APPEAR TO BE COVERING UP THE SOVIET ABSENCE. THE EXPERT:

--SURMISED THAT THE SOVIET NO-SHOW WAS RELATED TO A LONG IZVESTIA EDITORIAL PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 29 BLASTING CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHERS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO DETENTE;

--ANTICIPATED A MAJOR SHAKEUP AMONG SOVIET IDEOLOGISTS, ESPECIALLY CONSERVATIVES.

6. RHODESIA: SMITH AND NKOMO TRIUMPH AT WEEKEND CONGRESSES

EMBASSY PRETORIA REPORTS THAT IAN SMITH AND JOSHUA NKOMA WON PERSONAL VICTORIES DURING THE WEEKEND CONGRESSES OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT AND THE ANC. AT THE MEETINGS:

--SMITH SKILLFULLY AVOIDED CONFIRMING OR DENYING ACCOUNTS THAT HE HAD ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A BLACK BECOMING PRIME MINISTER AND OF A BLACK PRESENCE IN THE CABINET.

--THE FRONT DEFERRED ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF A SEGREGATED RHODESIAN FEDERATION.

--AN ESTIMATED 5,000 AFRICANS ACCLAIMED NKOMO PRESIDENT OF THE ANC.

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--NKOMO DECLARED HIS WILLINGNESS TO TALK WITH SMITH, BUT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF "MAJORITY RULE NOW."

ANTI-NKOMO FORCES ATTACKED THE ANC CONGRESS AS "ILLEGAL." THE EMBASSY THEORIZES THAT SMITH MAY HAVE ALLUDED TO BLACKS HOLDING HIGH OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO HASTEN NKOMO TO THE BARGAINING TABLE AND EXPLOIT THE SUPPOSED WEAKNESS OF HIS SITUATION WHILE HE IS STILL CONSOLIDATING HIS POSITION IN THE ANC.

7. PAKISTAN: HOW THE OIL PRICE INCREASE AFFECTS AN LDC

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD HAS CALCULATED THAT THE RECENT OPEC

DECISION ON OIL PRICES WILL COST PAKISTAN AN ADDITIONAL 30 TO 40 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE OIL BILL FOR FY 76 COULD SOAR AS HIGH AS \$420 MILLION (AS OPPOSED TO \$65 MILLION FOR FY 73), CONSUMING WELL OVER ONE THIRD OF PAKISTAN'S ANTICIPATED EXPORT EARNINGS.

8. HANOI GETS AID PACKAGE FROM PEKING

THE FIRST HIGH LEVEL VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO VISIT PEKING SINCE THE COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA RETURNED WITH TWO ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS (NO DETAILS GIVEN), AN "INTEREST FREE" LOAN, AND A PROTOCOL ON CHINA'S SUPPLY OF GENERAL COMMODITIES TO VIETNAM FOR 1976. ALTHOUGH THE DELEGATION WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY MAO, CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG OBSERVES, THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THE TALKS FAILED TO DRAW PEKING AND HANOI CLOSER TOGETHER ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES.

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